(*b*) the areas that are treated as scarcity areas due to failure of rains in Chikmagalur District;

(*c*) the steps they have taken to afford relief during last year to these scarcity areas;

(*d*) the places where remission of land revenue has been granted;

(*e*) whether relief works will be taken up this year;

(*f*) whether the programme of relief works for 1953-54 has been sanctioned and if so, the details?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes. Fifty-one taluks in the State have been treated as distress taluks as they are affected by scarcity in varying degrees.

(*b*) Kadur and parts of Chikmagalur Taluks. For details, please see the list appended.

(*c*) (i) Relief works to the extent of Rs. 5,400 were executed through Revenue Agency. The total allotment was Rs. 22,500.

(ii) Works worth Rs. 1,40,177 were carried out under Grow More Food programme in the whole District with particular attention to the affected areas.

(iii) Hay was supplied to Kadur Taluk from Mandya District at heavily subsidized rates.

(iv) Land Improvement Loan of Rs. 4,975 and Takavi Loans of Rs. 35,400 were issued in the District, mostly in the affected taluks against allotments of Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 42,500, respectively.

(v) Rs. 34,014 worth of foodgrains were issued out of Red Cross Gift Grant for starting relief works and also to distribute to the destitutes wherever necessary.

(*d*) Chikmagalur District 1951-52, 1952-53—Nil.

(*e*) Relief works are in progress in several parts of the State. They will be continued as long as they are necessary in the really affected areas.

(*f*) Relief works where absolutely necessary are selected by local officers in consultation with the local Distress Relief Committees, and executed by the Deputy Commissioner.

[*Vide* (*b*) above.]

List showing the areas where distress conditions prevailed during the year.

Kolar District—

All the taluks except Malur Taluk.

Tumkur District—

Tumkur, Gubbi, Sira, Pavagada, Madhugiri, Chiknaikanahalli, Tiptur, Kortagere and Turuvekere.

Chitaldrug District—

All the nine taluks.

Hassan District—

Arsikere, Chennarayapatna, Hassan and parts of Belur and Hole-Narsipur Taluks.

Shimoga District—

Channagiri, Honnali, Shimoga and Bhadravathi.

Mysore District—

Hunsur, Periyapatna, Gundlupet, Chamarajanagar, Heggaddevankote, Nanjangud and T.—Narsipur Taluks.

Chikmagalur District—

Kadur and parts of Chikmagalur.

Bangalore District—

Parts of Kanakapura and Doddballapur Taluks.

Nationalization of sale of Arrack.

Q.—286. Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY (Goribidnur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have contemplated to nationalise the sale of arrack during the year 1953-54;

(*b*) whether this policy would be given effect to; if so, in what places?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*a*).

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now there are two adjournment motions, one given notice of by Sri S. Gopala Gowda, which runs as follows :

> "That this House do now stand adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance and of recent occurrence, *viz.*, the havoc, damage and distress caused to the public on account of the heavy floods in the rivers Tunga, Bhadra and Varada recently."

In view of the debate on the adjournment motions yesterday and the day before yesterday, it is difficult to say that it is a matter of urgency requiring interruption of the appointed business for the day. I therefore have to withhold my consent to this motion.

There is another adjournment motion sent by Sri G. Puttaswami, which is as follows :

> "That this House do stand adjourned to discuss a definite matter of recent occurrence and of public importance, *viz.*, the damages and loss caused by the heavy floods in the malnad areas."

For the same reasons for which I disallowed the other adjournment motion of Sri Gopala Gowda, I have to disallow this motion also.

The debate on the Mysore House Rent and Accommodation Control (Amendment) Bill will continue.

MYSORE HOUSE RENT AND ACCOMMODATION CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1953.

Motion to consider (continued).

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Tumkur).—On the last occasion on which this Bill was before the House for consideration, the Hon'ble Member from Kolar was pointing out certain difficulties which would arise if this Bill was not suitably amended and he also made the suggestion that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee. When it was pointed out by the Minister who is in charge of this Bill that there was great urgency for enacting this Bill into law, Sri Pattabhiraman also assured the concerned Minister that the Select Committee might be expected to deal with the work of examining and scrutinising the provisions of this Bill during the sittings of this session and not take an unreasonably long time to do so. I do not know whether my friend, the Hon'ble Minister for Law, has made up his mind about this.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—The Hon'ble Member seems to be very anxious to know the mind of the Government. I intend moving for reference to Select Committee.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Then I am greatly reassured because I can now discharge what I consider to be my duty. I may point out the various provisions which require to be very carefully scruitinised by the Select Committee before this Bill is enacted into law if and when the motion is carried by this House.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA (Turuvekere).—Is it necessary to continue the debate after it is decided to refer the Bill to a Select Committee?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is left to the Members.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Sri Pattabhiraman, it will be remembered, was pointing out specifically the